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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 1702 OF 2007

Mrs. Suwarna Prabhakar Kulkarni ... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and Ors. ... Respondents

Mr. A.M. Joshi for Petitioner.

Mr. R.C. Master with Ms. Poornima Advani and Ms. Sejal Shah for R. Nos. 1 and 3.

Mr. P.P. Kakade, A.G.P. for R. No. 2.

CORAM: F.I. REBELLO &
R.M. SAVANT,JJ.
DATED: MARCH 30, 2007

P.C.:

. The Petitioner was born admittedly after coming into force of the Constitution of India and is holding Rhodesian passport and were residing in the said Central African Country. The Petitioner herself was born in Rhodesia at Nyasaland now known as Zimbabwe. The Petitioner by the present Petition has sought relief in terms of Prayer Clause (b) that she should be issued Indian Passport. Prima facie, we are not inclined to agree with the Petitioner. The alternative prayer is that the Respondent No. 1 be directed to decide the application of the Petitioner for registration as a Citizen of India If such application is pending, it is open to the petitioner to make out the case before the competent

authority either for her claim of Indian passport or for Indian citizenship. The entire exercise to be completed within six months from today. Rule made absolute accordingly. In the circumstances of the case, there shall be no order as to costs.

(R.M. SAVANT,J.) **(F.I.REBELLO, J.)**